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- 1. On 16 February 1949 a meeting was held in Beirut at the al-Najah printing press. The meeting was headed by Nicola Shawi (his first appearance in the open, source says, since the Communist Party was outlawed) and it was attended by Mustafa 'Aris, Hanna Zarqu, Sa'd-al-Din Muminah, Yusuf Shartuni, Fu'ad Nasir-al-Din, and four other unidentified persons. They discussed the organizing of Communist-controlled unions and decided that:
  - a. A Union Commission shall be formed of union representatives who must be Communist Party members. The Chairman will be Sa'd-al-Din Maminuh and the Secretary, Fu'ed Nasir-al-Din.
  - b. This Commission shall meet once a week, before the union meetings, to study means of controlling any decisions the unions may reach, without the non-Communists recognizing the Communist control.
  - The Commission shall inform the Communist comrades of actions they are to take, both during the union meetings and at their
  - The Commission will do its utmost to spread propaganda against the League of Unions.
- 2. Source pointed out that Mustafa Aris was not elected Chairman of this meeting, as the Communist Party wants to avoid his having any apparent communist connections which might lessen his influence among the unions.

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